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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 14 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Further, the invention can be practiced in the form of a composite cable unit 20 (Figure 3) having more than one twisted pair electrical conductors 16, and a multi-core optical fiber 12'. Suitable exemplary multi-core optical fibers are disclosed in US-A-4000416 and US-A-5222172, both of which are incorporated by reference herein. Composite cable unit 20 can be part of a fan-out cable 40, and can be longitudinally disposed adjacent to, or helically (unidirectional) or SZ stranded about, a central member 22. Central member 22 can be, for example, a fiber or a glass reinforced plastic rod, or fibers impregnated with a polymeric resin. Composite cable unit 20 can be stranded with other fiber optic components, for example, tight buffered or loose buffered optical fiber components 24 or 26.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 9 with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- The present invention has thus been described with reference to the foregoing embodiments, which embodiments are intended to be illustrative of the present inventive concepts rather than limiting. Persons of ordinary skill in the art will appreciate that variations and modifications of the foregoing embodiments can be made without departing from the scope of the appended claims. For example, electrical conductor 16 can be any suitable electrical transmission component, e.g., a co-axial cable or a non-twisted conductor. Filaments 14 can be small impregnated fibers or rods surrounding or adjacent to the optical fiber. Any of the composite cable units can be part of a break-out cable. Fan-out or break-out cables of the present invention can include strength filaments adjacent to the cable units.

Where wavelength selection features are desired in the optical sub-unit, one or more periodic refractive indices can be written into the fiber before buffering, for example, as disclosed in US-A-4725110, US-A-5620495, US-A-5718738, and/or US-A-5818630, all of which are respectively incorporated by reference herein. For identification purposes, a craftsman may be able to distinguish between the optical and electrical sub-units without identification means; however, an identification means can be provided on either or both of the sub-units. The identification means can include different colors for the sub-units, one or more extruded or inked-on stripes 13 (Figure 2), or any other suitable identification means. Fan-out cables according to the present invention can include fiber optic cable components, for example, ripcords or water blocking yarns. As shown in Figures 3 and 7, the optical sub-unit can include a buffer tube 21 with one or more optical fibers therein.--